Removal of QRs on Maize Export

3850. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: SHRI
H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to remove Quantitative Restrictions on export of maize; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has not taken any decision to remove quantitative ceiling on export of maize.

Import of Wood

† 3851. DR A K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of wood imported from foreign countries into India during the last three years;

(b) the cost of the said imported wood;

(c) whether it is a fact that this wood is of cheap quality and below the norms fixed for import;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to order an inquiry into this matter, and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House *(See* below).

(c) Wood has been freely importable since prior to 1996. No quality restrictions for the import of wood have been imposed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. No incidence of import of cheap quality of timber has come to the notice of that Ministry.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.